

To: ALSC Board of Directors
From: ALSC Staff
Re: Continuing Education Report

Online Courses

ALSC continues to offer four sections of Online Education Courses during the winter, spring, summer and fall.

Winter courses began January 8 and included: *Making Your Makerspace Work*, taught by Christian Sheehy, Digital Initiatives Librarian, Xavier University; *Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy*, taught by Angela Young, Head of Children's Department, Reed Memorial Library; and *The Caldecott Medal: Understanding Distinguished Art in Picture Books*, taught by KT Horning, Director, Cooperative Children's Book Center, University of Wisconsin- Madison.

Spring Online Education Courses started on April 2 and will run through May 11, 2018. A new course is being offered this season titled, *Postmodern Picturebooks: Changing Minds for Life*, taught by Diane Hamilton. We currently only have 3 students enrolled in this course but as more students take advantage of it, we hope to see an increase in this number. It will be offered again in the Summer.

Online Course Attendance: October - April				
Season	No. of Courses Offered	No. of Attendees	Revenue	Expenses
Winter 2018	3	38	\$5,200	\$1,427
Spring 2018	2	13	\$1,775	\$213
Total	5	51	\$6,975	\$1,640

*Please note: figures above submitted in absence of Continuing Education Program Officer and are subject to change.

The ALSC Education Committee is currently seeking new course proposals from ALSC members. Those interested can find more information on the [ALSC website](#), including an online proposal form. Course and webinar proposals are being accepted on a rolling basis for future use.

Webinars

In addition to online courses, ALSC continues to host webinars each month. ALSC continues to offer a variety of webinars on diversity, including *Introducing the Notable Books for a Global Society Collection: Promoting Understanding of Diversity* and *LGBTQAI+ Books to Share, Conversations to Have*. The Education Committee also has an RFP out for webinars involving cultural competency in youth librarianship. Thus far the committee has received two proposals surrounding this topic and will hopefully receive more as the weeks go by.

Webinar Attendance: February			
No. of Webinars Offered	No. of Attendees (Live Presentation)	CE Sales Revenue	Expenses
1	47	\$123	\$100

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2018 Annual Conference

Educational Programs

Programming at this year’s Annual Conference encompasses a variety of subject matters and speakers. Programs include: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Reaching Kids and Families with Graphic Novel Programming; Early Literacy Outreach to Underserved and Unserved Families; Kids Listen: Podcasts Amplify Engagement and Learning; Let’s Talk About Race with Kids: Library Programs and Activities that support Parents, Caregivers, and Educators in Talking to Young People about Race; and STEM for Babies and Toddlers: A powerful foundation for language and literacy. In addition, the Program Coordinating Committee hosted a call for proposals for two additional “hot topic” programs. The programs selected are: An Invitation to Family Literacy: The Reading Ambassadors Program and To Tech or Not to Tech: The debate and the research around technology, young children and the library.

ALSC Charlemae Rollins President’s Program: Considering All Children: A New Ideal in Evaluating and Engaging around Books for Youth

Awards, best-of-the-year lists and reviews focus on "quality" and "excellence" in literature for youth, but what do “quality” and “excellence” really mean in the canon of American literature for children? Who is deciding which books stand out? How are some critics and some children privileged in our field’s thinking? How are some dismissed or made invisible? What does “American literature for children” even mean? Join ALSC President, Nina Lindsay for a program that will challenge us all to confront our biases as they explore common assumptions and current discourse, and consider what it would look like if we truly considered all children as we evaluate books and single out titles for distinction both within and beyond ALSC. Panelists include Margarita Engle, the current National Young People’s Poet Laureate and award-winning author, Debbie Reese, PhD, educator and advocate for Native representation, Jason Reynolds, 2018 National School Library Month spokesperson and award-winning author, and Ebony Thomas, assistant professor, University of Pennsylvania. The session will be moderated by Edith Campbell, Associate Librarian, Reference/Instruction, Indiana State University. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with speakers in a question-and-answer session. Handouts, including a rich book list put together by various ALSC committees, will be available on the ALSC President's Program page in the ALA Conference Scheduler.

APALA President’s Program: Wandering Wonderland: How an Outsider Found Her Way In

This year, ALSC is co-sponsoring (in name only), APALA's President's Program. Author and Illustrator, LeUyen Pham will focus on stories of her childhood, and how those experiences directly relate to the books she does today, the reason she picks such subject matter, and the angles she chooses to focus on being an immigrant informs much of what she sympathizes with in the publishing world, and how much her work tries to be all-inclusive in the manner that would have comforted her as a child.

ALSC National Institute

Planning is well underway for the 2018 ALSC National Institute. Institute Task Force has confirmed the keynote speakers, Grace Lin, Brian Selznick and David Serlin. The Program Coordinating Committee has finalized sixteen programs for the Institute and they can be viewed on the [ALSC website](#). The Task Force has identified competencies relating to each program, a new feature that will help attendees identify their professional development needs.

Additionally, In efforts to support ALSC's goal of continuing education for children's librarians, and to show ALSC's dedication to equity and diversity, the Friends of ALSC are now offering three scholarships to the ALSC National Institute. The scholarships will include Institute registration (at the early bird rate) and a \$1,000 travel stipend to cover airfare and hotel lodging. In the past, the Friends of ALSC only supported two scholarships. A third scholarship has been opened in the same amount to a North Carolina member who identifies as a member of the LGBTQAI+ community. ALSC hopes that this additional scholarship will continue to support the LGBTQAI+ community in North Carolina following the cancellation of the 2016 National Institute due to the state's discriminatory legislation. Scholarship recipients must also be ALSC members who work directly with children in a library setting. The application is open now through May 9th.

The Breakfast for Bill program will feature a panel with Margarita Engle, and two illustrators that she's worked with: Raúl Colón and Mike Curato. The Task Force is in the process of identifying a moderator for the panel.

New this year, the "Big Ideas" sessions will feature industry leaders and experts in the field. The first session, titled "A is for Advocacy," features Edith Campbell, Pat Enciso, Jaime Naidoo, and Sarah Park Dahlen and will kick off the Institute. The second session, titled "Building Baby's Brain with Books," features Dr. John Hutton and Kathleen Moore, and will take place on Saturday morning.

Several networking events will also be offered, including a Happy Hour, ALSC101, Trivia Hour, and two receptions including a Connection Event. This year ALSC will be hosting a Connection Event that welcomes ALSC members and colleagues interested in youth librarianship for a free networking reception. This event, funded by the Friends of ALSC, is open to the public and will include networking opportunities with invited, local non-library organizations representing the diversity of the host city, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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More information about the Institute will be posted on the [ALSC website](#) as it becomes available.

Housing and registration are also open for the event, and the Task Force is soliciting sponsorships from local businesses.